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SCHOOL

AND

FINANCIAL REPORTS,

OF THE

TOWN OF GREENFIELD.

RENDERED FEBRUARY, 1868.



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SCHOOL REPORT.

For the year ending March 10, 1863.

In accordance with the provision of the statute, the Superintendent of the Common Schools of Greenfield presents the following report:

A school has been kept in each of the districts in town, in which schools have been kept for the last few years, for at least a single term, and in some instances there have been two terms in the year. It would be too much to expect that every school should prove a success, and yet we believe none have proved a failure.

The entire number of scholars attending school in town is 145; the whole number of weeks schooling, 112; making an average of about twelve and a half weeks to each district. The amount of schooling in town, as seen above, is limited, and is not what it might be with a little expenditure of money in addition to that required by law. Of all interests, that of common school education is the one that we can least afford to neglect. We earnestly hope that the town, hereafter, will appropriate a certain sum, \$150 or thereabouts, for the purpose of giving their children a better advantage at schooling than they now

possess. In case the citizens should see fit to raise this sum, we would suggest the following plan in its expenditure: that a school be taught in the fall of the year, in the Town Hall, by a thoroughly competent teacher, and that all the children in town above a certain age be allowed to attend. In this we believe more advantage would be derived than by dividing the money among the several districts. We hope the matter will receive that attention at your hands which the subject demands.

A few remarks with regard to each school will be expected, and in what we say we shall endeavor to "set down naught in malice, or naught extenuate," our aim being simply to do justice to all parties concerned.

District No. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Philena S. Gould, of this town. The school was short and composed of small scholars. The order was good and commendable improvement made. It was Miss G.'s first experience in teaching. More experience will render her a good teacher.

The winter term is still in session, having been put off till quite late in order to procure the services of Miss Josie L. Clarke, of Wilton, who taught the school last winter with success, and with every prospect of being equally successful this winter. The school is made up in good part of young men and ladies, who are very obedient and respectful to their teacher. They all are interested, and are making good improvement.

District No. 2.

The summer term was under the care of Miss Augusta Caldwell, of Alstead. The school appeared well. The order was good, and the recitations were promptly and understandingly made. The attendance of scholars during the term was remarkably good.

The winter term was under the charge of Miss Eliza Butterfield, of Francestown. This was Miss Butterfield's first experience in teaching. She seemed deeply interested in her school, and desirous of doing her whole duty, but there was a lack of energy and enthusiasm on the part of the teacher. The school, however, did well.

District No. 3.

The summer term was under the care of Miss Mary Jane Fisher, of this town. Miss Fisher is an industrious, faithful and pains-taking teacher. Firm and strict, but mild in her discipline. The school was interested, and the progress of the scholars was rapid and thorough.

The winter term was under the charge of Miss Josie L. Clarke, of Wilton. Miss Clarke came with a good reputation as a teacher, which was fully sustained. Her school was quiet, orderly, and governed apparently without any effort on the part of the teacher. The scholars were deeply interested and made good improvement. We were pleased to see a good attendance of parents and others at the examination, which passed off creditably to both teacher and scholars.

We wish to congratulate the district upon their good fortune in securing the services of two such ac-

complished and thorough teachers as Miss Fisher and Miss Clarke.

District No. 4.

This school is a union of Nos. 4 of this town, and 5 of Bennington. The summer term was taught by Miss Celia E. Fleming, of Bennington, and the winter term by Miss Martha A. Dodge, of Bennington. But one scholar attended from this town. The school was under the care of the superintending school committee of Bennington.

District No. 5.

This school was under the charge of Miss S. A. Hardy. Only one term was taught,—during the fall. This school is composed of bright, active, and intelligent children. They attended school for the purpose of learning, and well did they improve the opportunity. The papers and compositions read at the close of the school would have done credit to much older minds. This is certainly one of the best schools in town.

District No. 6.

Taught by Miss Mary F. Felt, of Temple. This school was few in numbers and short in term. On account of impassable roads, we were unable to be present at the close of the term. We believe Miss Felt gave good satisfaction to the district.

District No. 7.

The summer term was under the care of Miss Sara A. Hardy. Miss H. is an experienced teacher, and during this term she well sustained her credit. Although the term was short, very commendable improvement was made.

The winter term was taught by Miss Jennie M. Marden, of Francestown. Miss Marden is an experienced, faithful, and competent teacher. Her order was excellent. Teacher and scholars seemed to co-operate to do their best. The improvement was good, particularly in reading. The district is fortunate that secures the services of Miss Marden.

District No. 9

Had a winter term of five weeks, taught by Miss M. L. Carlton, of Hancock. The school was small. As good improvement was made as could have been expected in five weeks.

District No. 10

Had only one term, taught by Miss Martha J. Shattuck, of Antrim. The school was quite small and backward, with but little to call out the ability of the teacher. Her duties were well and satisfactorily performed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CHASE, *S. S. Committee.*

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

RENDERED FEB. 25, 1868.

Assessed upon the ratable polls and estates of the residents and upon the estates of non-residents of the town of Greenfield, for the year 1867,	\$5021 04
Received of taxes assessed,	\$4655 78
On Collector Burnham's list for 1862-3,	2 62
Collector Lewis' list for 1866,	289 67
L. Richardson, treasurer for 1866,	324 44
Literary fund,	28 50
Savings bank tax,	100 94
Railroad percentage,	31 73
United States bounty paid to soldiers,	140 00
Income of town farm,	211 28
Of Francestown bank,	4000 00
Mrs. Betsey Crosby,	400 00
Mrs. Mary Clement,	285 00
National bank tax,	103 50
George J. Whittemore,	350 00
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Paid for Breaking Roads 1867.

J. R. Russell,	\$2 10	D. R. Gould,	5 95
N. Russell,	5 55	C. A. Jaquith,	60
D. Woodbridge,	2 00	Ambrose Gould,	1 80
R. A. Dutton,	2 55	J. D. Wilson,	4 10
Isaac Farrington,	1 75	W. L. Savage,	90
J. T. Robertson,	11 17	C. S. Lowe,	2 85
Elijah Woodward,	2 85	Hermon Abbott,	67
James Lewis,	3 65	Wm. Savage,	4 20
L. E. Burtt,	1 35	Leonard Bailey,	1 75
Joseph Blanchard,	4 00	John Fletcher,	1 00
Charles D. Fitch,	30	G. W. French,	3 55
Samuel Fisher,	4 50	J. C. P. Draper,	1 50
Frank Brooks,	3 37		
C. E. Pollard,	60		
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			\$74 61

State and County Tax.

Paid State tax,		\$1406 25
County tax,		420 42
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School Orders.

District No. 1,	\$56 34	District No. 6,	39 27
" " 2,	51 50	" " 7,	59 40
" " 3,	139 50	" " 8,	32 21
" " 4,	29 37	" " 9,	21 53
" " 5,	32 94	" " 10,	38 22—\$500 28

Miscellaneous Town Expenses.

Paid Isaac B. Farrington, for snowing bridge,	\$2 25
James Lewis, for collecting taxes, 1866,	55 00
Isaac Lowe, for bridge plank, 1867,	2 20
W. D. Chase, S. S. Committee,	25 00
S. H. Hardy, for taking care of cattle on town farm,	2 00
Benj. Hardy, keeping public watering place,	3 00
W. T. Freeman, " " " "	3 00
George E. Bailey, repairing wagon,	3 50
S. Buck, for painting wagon,	50
John Fletcher, journey to Stoddard,	2 00
A. W. Savage, for use of wagon,	1 00
Blank book and stationery,	5 50
Earl Searles, milk standard,	85
" " setting glass,	50
" " ringing bell,	2 00
Sealing weights and measures,	1 38
Expense of getting weights and measures to Milford,	1 50
N. Russell, for lowering town house floor,	100 00
G. P. Fletcher, journey to Concord to pay State tax, collecting bounty, etc.,	5 00
" " clerkship,	15 00
" " treasurer,	12 00
" " grass seed for town farm,	8 50
" " nails for bridge,	96
N. Russell, expense on Favor road,	83 00
Postage on letters, etc.,	54
Ezra L. Corliss, for one-half pair of oxen,	94 00
One-half of four pigs,	6 63
Four butter tubs,	1 40
Five milk pans,	1 80
One land-side to plough,	92
One and one-half bushels of salt,	1 67
Drawing potatoes to Wilton,	1 50
Levi S. Holt, for boards,	2 20
Rufus Hardy, for labor on highways in summer,	489 03
L. P. Wilson, agent for painting and repairing town house,	179 22
L. D. Richardson, for damage caused by defect in highway,	20 00
M. Cheever, damage sustained on horse by defect in highway,	15 00
F. Mellen, damage on horse by a defect in highway,	20 00

Lewis Richardson, services as overseer of the poor, 1866—omitted last year,	29 00
Lewis Richardson, overseer of the poor for 1867,	25 00
L. Richardson, for support of poor, 1867,	98 47
Farnum & Scott, for printing reports, 1866,	24 00
Barr & Co., for glass for town house,	3 40
Rufus Hardy, for breaking roads,	111 25
Shingling town farm barn,	32 99
John Fletcher, select services,	52 00
Alfred W. Savage, select services,	50 00
Nahum Russell, select services,	30 00

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Interest on Notes.

Frances S. Peavy,	\$12 00	Wm. H. Reynolds,	12 00
John Duncklee,	6 00	Mason Balch,	6 00
David Ramsey,	60 00	Hermon Abbott,	60 00
Jacob Gould, 2 years' interest,	12 00	Benj. Hardy,	6 00
Abbie H. Fletcher,	24 00	Sarah S. Abbott,	6 00
George J. Whittemore,	90 00	Rufus Hardy,	18 00
" "	17 85	Harriet G. Moore,	6 00
Amos Foster,	33 00	Mrs. William Savage,	3 00
Rodney Patch,	12 00	Jacob Stephenson,	3 00
Ambrose Gould,	19 80	Mrs. Janet S. Ramsey,	90 00
Peter Peavey,	24 00	John Burnham,	4 20
Sarah C. Grant,	21 00		

\$545 85

Notes and Interest.

Note dated Feb. 17, 1866, Mrs. Mary Clement,	\$304 75
" " " " Eliza Goddard,	489 62
Two notes dated Feb. 16, 1865, Moses Robinson,	5305 00

\$6099 37

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received,	\$10923 46
Whole amount paid out,	10672 44
Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$251 02

Town Liabilities.

Abbie H. Fletcher, note,	\$400 00	Harriet G. Moore, note,	100 00
Amos Foster,	450 00	Rufus Hardy,	300 00
" "	100 00	Hermon Abbott,	1000 00
Peter Peavey,	\$100 00	Mrs. Wm. Savage,	50 00
" "	300 00	Ambrose Gould,	330 00
S. F. Peavey,	100 00	Sarah C. Grant,	350 00
" "	100 00	John Burnham,	70 00
Wm. H. Reynolds,	200 00	Ezra B. Stephenson,	100 00
Geo. J. Whittemore,	1500 00	Jacob Stephenson,	50 00
" "	350 00	Mason Balch,	100 00
Mrs. Mary Clement,	285 00	John Duncklee,	100 00

Rodney Patch,	note,	200 00	Benj. Hardy,	note,	100 00
Sarah S. Abbott,	"	100 00	Mrs. Betsey Crosby,	"	400 00
David Ramsey,	"	1000 00	First National Bank of Fran-		
Jacob Gould,	"	100 00	cestown, note,		4000 00
Mrs. Janet S. Ramsey "		1500 00			
					\$13841 00

Demands in favor of the Town.

Due on collector's list of 1862-3,		\$9 02
With the following abatements :		
William Stiles,		\$1 70
Dennis Healy,		1 02
John Cain,		1 70
Joseph Sullivan,		1 70—\$6 12
Amount due after deducting abatements,		\$2 90
Due on collector's list of 1864,		13 91
" " " " 1865,		8 24
Due on collector's list for 1866,		\$78 25
With the following abatements :		
Levi Curtis,		\$4 08
Henry L. Gould,		4 08
H. Marshall,		4 08
Dudley Merrill,		4 08
Oscar C. Stiles,		4 08
Sarah Wallace,		1 70—22 10
Now due,		\$56 15
Due on collector Hardy's list for 1867,		\$365 26
With the following abatements :		
Town Farm,		\$26 31
Levi Holt,		4 39
Andrew Haskell,		4 39
John Sawyer,		6 39
M. Benton Tuttle,		4 39
Sarah Wallace,		1 83
Wm. B. Winn,		4 39
John D. Hardy,		4 39—56 48
Now due,		\$308 78
Due from the city of Manchester,		19 00
Due from United States,		920 00
Balance in hands of treasurer,		251 02
Amount of town liabilities,		\$13841 00
		1580 00—
Balance against the town,		\$12261 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FLETCHER, { Selectmen
ALFRED W. SAVAGE, { of
NAHUM RUSSELL, { Greenfield.

It will be seen that we have reduced the town liabilities \$506 85, with an increase of property on the town farm of \$129 34, making a gain of \$636 19.

TOWN FARM.

Inventory Feb'y 20, 1868.

1 pair of oxen,	\$215 00	Seed corn,	1 00
3 cows,	135 00	$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of beans,	1 50
1 sheep,	5 00	4 bushels of oats,	3 00
Lot of fowls,	4 00	4 bushels of barley,	5 00
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of hay, \$18 per ton,	117 00	19 bushels of potatoes,	12 35
Lot of straw and corn fodder,	4 00		
4 bushels of corn,	6 00		
			\$508 85

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

RNDERED FEBRUARY 21, 1868.

Paid J. C. P. Draper, for board of Fifield girl, one year, to March 21, 1868,	\$52 00
J. C. P. Draper and others, for clothing,	6 62—\$58 62
Town of Frantestown, provisions for Hannah Lee,	\$2 89
Doctor Daniel Frye's bill, medicine, &c., for H. Lee,	4 25
Administrator of estate of Dr. Frye,	3 75
John Cudworth, seeing to Hannah Lee and for clothing,	8 46
Leonard Bailey, for carrying Sarah Stiles Nichols home to Frantestown,	50—\$19 85
R. Dutton, for keeping Fifield boy 1 year, to April 1, 1868, 20 00	—\$20 00
Cost of poor to Feb. 21, 1868,	\$98 47
Received of town to balance account,	98 47

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS RICHARDSON, Overseer of the Poor.